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IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/397,110)
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FILED: September 16, 1999)
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TITLE: PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR)
THE RAPID DETECTION OF)
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE)
EMPLOYING PURIFIED)
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC)
ANTIBODIES)
)
INVENTORS: Norman James Moore,)
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GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

EXAMINER:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37C.F.R. §1.114

Applicants hereby request that the finality of the action mailed November 6, 2002 be set aside, prosecution be reopened and continued examination herein be granted.

The fee of \$375 for a small entity continued examination request is covered by the attached check.

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A response to the November 6, 2002 action is also filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Helen Sears". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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